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January 9, 1990

Leslie Ritts
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1800 M St.
Washington, DC 20036

Re: Request for Information on New Bedford Harbor

Dear Ms Ritts,

This is in reference to your letter of December 15, which we did not receive until after the holidays. You state that John Connally and Battelle researchers have made public statements regarding the results of their research on New Bedford. However, these public presentations did not describe completed work product which has been submitted to EPA. These researchers are working under a subcontract to Ebasco, Inc., and at this time no report has submitted to EPA for its review. It is not unusual for researchers to discuss work in progress at convention appearances; the fact that these researchers did so does not mean that anything has been submitted to EPA. Therefore we have nothing to release to you at this time.

In relation to your second request, all monthly progress reports which have been issued have been sent to you. For any month in which you did not receive a report, no report was issued.

Yours sincerely,

Charles C. Bering
Assistant Regional Counsel